



ALL HALLOWS

A Church of the Rainbow People of God

**27th March 2016
Easter Sunday**

President and Preacher
Rev Heston Groenewald

Readings

Isaiah 65:17-25
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

Prayer for the Day

O Christ,
today, gloriously, joyfully, you live forever
in the life of the world,
in the hearts of those who love you,
in the power of the Spirit to transcend even death.
May we who find in you our hope,
bear witness that your risen body still carries the marks
of the world's violence, injustice and greed.
As we remember and rejoice,
help us to keep faith with all who today
suffer the outrages of violence, injustice and greed.
In our actions, in our prayers, in our choices and in our commitment,
teach us the true meaning of good news to the poor
Alleluia, Christ is risen

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*God said: 'I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign
of the bond between me and the earth.'*

And Desmond Tutu said 'We are the Rainbow People of God.'

Please pray for....

- David and his family.
- Sheena McMain following her surgery
- Paul, Catherine, Buster and Milo
- Raja and Mahmoud
- Sameer for his continued health and healing
- Helen, an asylum seeker who AJAR supported in the past who is still imprisoned in Newhall Prison.
- Kate Austin writing up her Education Masters.
- Young Danny seeking stability in his life
- Keith following the death of his dad
- Cleandho who has now returned to Brazil
- For Ramesh's friend, Brian, who has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma, that his treatment will go smoothly and successfully and that he is healed. Pray also for strength for him and his partner David during this difficult time.
- James, Ruth, Dave and Hannah living in Australia
- For Linda, Richard and all Linda's family following the death of her father
- The Real Junk Food Project @All Hallows Café
- For Emma Temple and her work with SCM and the Universities Chaplaincy
- Owain as he struggles with depression
- Kerry and her family
- Alan Griggs's son in law Glen who has Motor Neurone Disease and for all his family

The wider community....

- All who use our building during the week – break dancers, the yoga groups, meditation group, OWLS, Community Project, the self-help groups
- Members of Hyde Park Methodist and for their community shop and youth work
- Members of the Grand Mosque, Makkah Masjid Mosque, Ahlul Bayt Islamic Centre and Leeds Hindu Mandir

For justice, peace and healing in the world....

- For peaceful resolutions in Turkey, Iraq, Syria, DRC, Afghanistan, Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory and South Sudan
- For all those trying to escape from war, persecution and violence
- For the people of La Concha in Nicaragua
- For victims of terrorism throughout the world and the perpetrators that they may come to know love and peace
- For those detained in Immigration Removal Centres, particularly Yarl's Wood, the Verne, Dover, Colnbrook and Morton Hall

PRAYERS: If you have a request you want included in this bulletin, please email bulletin@allhallowsleeds.org.uk

Regular events:

Sun 10.30am 6pm	Morning Service "Sharing the Feast of Life" at All Hallows Alcoholics Anonymous group
Mon 6.30pm	Yoga
Tues 10am-4pm 8-10pm	TRJFP@AH Café Pub Theology with the University Chaplaincy at the Pack Horse, Woodhouse Lane, LS2 9DX
Wed 12-2pm 7pm 7pm	OWLS lunches (Bookable for older people) Tuesday Yoga on a Wednesday! (in main church) Alcoholics Anonymous group
Thur 10am -12pm	Breakfast drop in @AH Café
Fri 9.15am	Morning Prayers at All Hallows
Fri 10am-4pm	TRJFP@AH Café
Sat 4-5pm 5-8pm	Breakdancing - open class Breakdancing - open session

Other Events:

Saturday 2nd April 9:30am – 12:45pm: Wild City Retreats at Meanwood Valley Urban Farm "Epicentre". Please see Pippa for further details.

Tuesday 5th April 6.30pm: This is Exile: Film & Discussion at Hyde Park Picture House. *This is Exile* is an extraordinary intimate portrait of child refugees forced to flee from the violence of Syria's civil war to neighbouring Lebanon For more information please see <http://www.leedsmultiagency.org.uk/this-is-exile-film-panel-discussion-hyde-park-picture-house-6-30pm-5th-april/>

Wednesday 6th April 8pm: monthly Taize Eucharist at All Hallows

Friday 8th April 10am-4pm: 'What does the Bible say about homosexuality?' with Jide Macaulay (activist, author and queer theologian) at All Hallows.

Sunday 10th April: All Hallows AGM after the service

Tuesday 26th April 7-9pm: Leeds No Borders monthly social and card writing to people in detention at Wharf Chambers, Ground Floor, 23-25 Wharf Street, Leeds LS2 7EQ.

Saturday 7th May: 'Save the date' for the national day of protests against detention centres. Coaches from Leeds will be going to Morton Hall detention centre.

Reflection

The public language of our God.

Throughout this month, we travel on the road to Calvary with Jesus. We follow him on the road to Jerusalem, and into national, political, public debate and conflict.

In the words of Dr Rowan Williams, 'Holy Week...comes to gather us around the one true holy place of the Christian religion; Jesus himself, displayed to the world as the public language of our God, placarded on the history of human suffering that stretches along the roadside. 'This is a week for learning not management, bargaining and rule-keeping, but naked trust in that naked gift.' We see how following Jesus required his disciples to take a public stand; they had to expose their faith, bring their hopes and their failures out into the open. They could not be withdrawn and ascetic like the followers of John the Baptist, nor could they be scholars and theorists like the Pharisees.

They had to mix in strange, sometimes disreputable company; Jerusalem was physically and spiritually crowded with people who were suffering, angry, oppressed and excluded. It was often chaotic and frightening. And in the midst, Jesus; teaching, healing, weeping, translating personal encounters into public prophecy. The public language of our God:

We see betrayal, arrest, judgement and condemnation. We see denial and abandonment, and fall silent as we remember our own infidelities. We follow the Way of the Cross at a distance, as so many have done through the ages in the long history of human suffering.

How visible, how public it is, a spectacle to be watched and commented on; as old as the hills and as new as the latest news from Syria or South Sudan. But something different is happening now. This Jesus, 'in the days of his flesh' (Hebrews 5:7), as he is racked on the instrument of his death, distils all that is most human; all that is most personal, most intimate, most loving, and displays it to the world. He turns all our understandings of power upside down. **This** is the public language of our God.

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/churches/reflections/reflections.aspx>

Ways to donate to All Hallows:

- PARISH PANTRY: Please don't forget your donation of food
- Please put donations of money on the collection plate on the small table by the back row of seats in church – regular donations are welcome including gift aid and direct debits to our bank account – see Richard for details
- Give your time to help out on with activities – café, gardening, events, gigs, working parties to clear and clean and to help with the Sunday Service. Please see Catherine who does this rota.

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